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SUBJ: YACHT APOLLO - GOP OFFICIAL REBUTS CIA LINKS

1. IN A NOVEMBER 5 LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR OF PANAMA DAILY MATUTINO - PUBLISHED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE PAPER'S NOV 12 EDITION - THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOP MERCHANT MARINE'S CONSULAR AND SHIPS DIRECTORATE, PANA ANGEL KOURUKLIS, STATED THAT AN INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY HIS OFFICE HAD REVEALED "NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER" THAT THE PANAMANIAN REGISTERED YACHT APOLLO WAS ENGAGED "IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES, NEITHER FOR THE CIA NOR FOR SIMILAR AGENCIES OF ANY COUNTRY."

2. ACCORDING TO KOURUKLIS' LETTER, WHICH HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED MATUTINO TO PUBLISH, THE INVESTIGATION WAS PROMPTED BY SPANISH PRESS ALLEGATIONS THAT THE APOLLO WAS A CIA VESSEL. KOURUKLIS STATED THE APOLLO WAS REGISTERED WITH THE PANAMANIAN MERCHANT MARINE ON APRIL 30, 1968, DESCRIBED UNCLASSIFIED

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IT AS A "FLOATING SCHOOL," AND DECLARED THAT IT HAS

COMPLIED WITH ALL PERTINENT PANAMANIAN REGULATIONS.

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